



City of Santa Barbara
**Infrastructure Financing Taskforce
Meeting**

July 31, 2008
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street

City Staff Members

James L. Armstrong
City Administrator
Robert D. Peirson
Director of Finance
Christine F. Andersen
Public Works Director
Paul A. Casey
Community Development Director
Jill Taura
Budget Manager
Kathy Kefauver
Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen
Administrative Analyst

City Council Liaison

Roger L. Horton
Councilmember
Finance Committee, Chair

Committee Members

Richard Jensen, *Chair*
Stephen Kurtzer, *Vice-Chair*
W. Scott Burns
Robert Geis
Renee Grubb
Dudley Morris
Frank Schipper

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:47 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Richard Jensen
Scott Burns, Robert Geis, Renee Grubb, Stephen Kurtzer, Dudley Morris, Frank Schipper

Staff Present

Robert D. Peirson, Finance Director
Paul A. Casey, Community Development Director
Pat Kelly, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer
Jill Taura, Budget Manager
Kathy Kefauver, Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen, Administrative Analyst

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of minutes for June 19 and July 17, 2008.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Presentation on Utility User's Tax (This item was heard after Item 5)

Bob Peirson gave the Taskforce a history on the Utility Users' Tax (UUT). The changes that are being proposed modernize the ordinance to account for technological changes and ensure tax equity for businesses in Santa Barbara. The proposed revisions to the

Ordinance are modeled after an ordinance that has been used by 25 other cities who have successfully implemented the changes.

The UUT is approximately \$14 M and is split between Streets and General Fund. The portion of the UUT that will be voted on is approximately \$4.4 M and evenly split between Streets and General Fund. The \$2.2 M that goes to Streets represents 14-15% of the Streets fund and would be a significant loss.

5. Presentation on Redevelopment Agency

Paul Casey gave the Taskforce a brief history of the Redevelopment Agency (RDA). Discussion followed regarding projects that have been funded by the RDA and why they were done. The Taskforce also asked about the strategy for when the RDA expires. The City will receive \$.21 for every \$1 dollar property tax.

6. Surplus City Property

Jim Armstrong discussed a listed of proposed surplus properties that the City owns. Discussion about why the property at 927 Chapala (prior tenant, Imperial Muffler) wasn't listed. The property isn't listed because the City intends to use it to house Fire employees but the funding isn't currently available to make necessary improvements.

7. Report Discussion

The Taskforce discussed prioritizing their recommendations. The Taskforce discussed conducting interviews of Councilmembers and community members. A list of questions will be created for the Taskforce to review before the meetings. The Taskforce felt that no more than two members should do the interviewing and that interviewees should not see the draft report.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.